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FM AMEMBASSY BOGOTA

TO SECSTATE WASHDC PRIORITY 3849

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EO 11652: NA

TAGS: APER, CO, CGEN

SUBJ: CONSULAR STAFFING, REPLACEMENT FOR FSO-5

NICHOLAS J. MACNEIL

REF: BOGOTA 1316

1. MACNEIL'S EFFECTIVE RESIGNATION DATE WILL BE APRIL 1, AND HE IS PLANNING TO DEPART POST ON MARCH 30.

2. WE UNDESTAND THAT DEPT OFFICER CONTACTED MACNEIL INFORMALLY ABOUT POSSIBLY REMAINING AT POST BEYOND RETIREMENT UNDER RESERVE STATUS (WHICH HE DECLINED). IT WAS ALSO INDICATED TO HIM THAT DEPT HAVING DIFFICULTY FINDING REPLACEMENT AND THAT THIS IMPORTANT PROTECTION AND WELFARE POSITION MAY HAVE TO REMAIN VACANT 30 TO 90 DAYS OR MORE. (THESE MATTERS SHOULD HAVE BEEN THE SUBJECT OF A DIRECT COMMUNICATION TO THE MANAGEMENT OF THIS POST.)

3. IF SITUATION IS IN FACT THAR DIFFICULT, EMBASSY WOULD RECOMMEND THAT DEPT REASSIGN PATSY STEPHENS, FSR-6, TO FILL THE 0-5 VACANCY CREATED BY MACNEIL'S DEPARTURE AND THEN PROMPTLY ASSIGN A JUNIOR OFFICER OF GRADE 0-6 6 OR 8 TO FILL THE 0-6 POSITION VACATED BY STEPHENS. WE WISH TO UNDERLINE, HOWEVER, THAT RECOMMENDATION FOR THIS REASSIGNMENT IS BASED ON THE PREMISE THAT OFFICERS OF THOSE LOWER GRADE LEVELS ARE MORE READILY AVAILABLE FOR EARLY ASSIGNMENT AND ARRIVAL AT POST. THAT IS, THE STEPHENS REASSIGNMENT WOULD BE DESIGNED TO FACILITATE

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REDUCING A GAP PERIOD SUBSTANTIALLY, IT WOULD

OBVIOUSLY NOT MAKE AN EXTENDED GAP EASIER TO BEAR.

4. ACTION REQUESTED: 1) FSR-6 PATSY G. STEPHENS BE  
ASSIGNED FROM POSITION 31-167 (CONSULAR OFFICER/VIA,  
0-6) TO POSITION 33-169 (CONSULAR OFFICER/SPECIAL  
CONSULAR SERVICES 0-5). 2) TITLE OF POSITION 31-167  
BE CHANGED TO READ CONSULAR OFFICER/SPECIAL CONSULAR  
SERVICES INSTEAD OF CONSULAR OFFICER/VISA, AND AN  
OFFICER OF GRADE 0-6, 0-7, OR 0-8 (OR EQUIVALENT)  
BE ASSIGNED TO ASSURE EARLIEST POSSIBLE ARRIVAL AT POST.  
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